

joy, and said: "The last girl has yielded her heart to Christ. I am going home now; I have done all that I can do and my work is done."

I asked when he was going, and he said, "Tomorrow night." I said: "Would you like to see your class together before you go?" He said he would, and I asked if he thought the landlady would allow the use of her sitting room. He thought she would. So I sent word to all the girls, and they all came together. I had never spent such a night up to that time. I had never met such a large number of young converts. The teacher gave an earnest talk and then prayed, and then I prayed. As I was about to rise I heard one of the girls begin to pray. She prayed for her teacher and she prayed for the superintendent. Up to that time I never knew that any one prayed for me in that way. When she finished another girl prayed. Before we arose every girl had prayed; what a change had come over them in a short space of time. We tried to sing, but we did not get on very well,

Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love.

We bade one another "Good-by," but I felt that I must see the teacher again before he left Chicago, and so I met him at the station, and while we were talking one of the girls came along and then another until the whole class had assembled. Some of the passengers lifted their windows as the class sang together:

Here we meet to part again,
But when we meet on Canaan's shore,
There'll be no parting there.

As the train moved out of the station the pale-faced teacher stood on the platform, and with his finger pointing heavenward, he said: "I will meet you yonder;" then the train disappeared from view.

What a work had been accomplished in those ten days. Some of the members of that class were among the most active Christians we had in the school for years after. We had a blessed work of grace in the school that summer; it took me out of my business and sent me into the Lord's work.

The Mission Field

Washington City Echoes

Our pastor once more departs from the mission for a short time to attend the conference in Virginia, but he desires that his usual space in the EVANGELIST be occupied by some echoes from the city mission. Therefore, we will try to fill the space as the Lord may prompt. Our pastor also anticipates attending the Pennsylvania conference and later to visit his old home at Greenland, W. Va., to hold a series of meetings commencing on the 29, inst., to continue one week. We pray that the Lord may accompany and bless him in his visits and that much may be accomplished to glorify the Father.

The city is at present in great activity

making every preparation for the National Peace Jubilee which will be held May 23-25. Excursions will be run from all parts of the country, and a crowd equal to that of the inauguration is expected.

Thousands of dollars have been donated, and is being expended to make the jubilee as admirable and interesting as possible. "Old glory" in all her beauty and significance will be prodigiously exhibited; and the boys in blue with their elastic step and great display of gallantry will occupy no receding prominence in the exhibition, and will be the admiration of all. The greatest display of preparation is being erected in front of the Executive Mansion and the State, War and Navy building.

We love to see our people rejoice when peace has been restored to our country, but we fear that God is not pleased to see such foolish and wasteful expenditures, when this money could be so advantageously used for a higher and nobler purpose—to reach the poor, lost sinners who are daily passing into eternal death; and to supply the bodily and spiritual wants of the poor and needy. Just think of the thousands of poor starving children in Cuba and other places, and the poor souls that are still in the darkness of heathenism longing for deliverance; but regardless of all these needs this so-called Christian nation will squander thousands of dollars simply for the admiration of humanity for a few days, when all this grandeur will be discarded as rubbish. We can see no particular good whatever derived from such proceedings; not even in the line of beneficial knowledge. Where there is no good there must be harm. No doubt many of those who donated most liberally for the jubilee not only refuse to contribute but little if anything for the divine cause, but even reject Christ, profane his name and are constantly defiling the temple of God—looks strange indeed that people of good intellect and reasoning powers would select such a false course.

The EVANGELIST is growing in repute among its readers so far as I have heard.

Our meetings of late have been well attended and the Sunday-school is growing in interest as well as numbers.

A Missionary Society has been lately organized for the purpose of doing more effective missionary work and to aid financially in securing funds to build a church house and also to supply the present needs for the support of the mission. The outlook of the future success of the society is very promising indeed.

SPECIAL NOTICE

The Missionary Society of Washington, D. C., has adopted a plan known as the "Missionary Vine" to secure funds for the purpose of building a Brethren church in the capital city at the earliest possible time.

The peculiar characteristic of this vine, unlike all other vines, will grow in any climate, under all circumstances and in any kind of soil that is at all fertile, provided it

is properly cultivated; but must not be classed with the so-called wild vines that grow without cultivation. Similar to the vine of the strawberry in the respect that when certain parts of the vine are placed in good soil it has the power of immediately taking root and putting forth more branches; then these branches, their respective branches and so on, have the same power of multiplying.

What we want now is prompt and prudent cultivators who will promote the reproduction of this vine, and then we will soon have an extensive and thrifty vine that will bring us in abundance of sound fruit which will be used to the glory of God.

We presume you next want to know the cost of performing your part, so here it is:

You send 25 cents to help build a Brethren church in Washington, City; this vitalizes the branch of the vine that reaches you; then you immediately put the terminus of this branch in good soil, which will only require a few minutes of time, and it will promptly take root and put forth new branches; your part is now done—that is not much to do is it?

So look out for the terminus of one of these branches; they go in all directions and are liable to creep up to your front door at any time. When it makes its appearance don't shock it by giving it a cool reception, but take that quarter and vitalize it or it will wither and die, thereby stopping the propagation of that branch. Probably the ministers of some of the congregations will receive branch No. 1, and we earnestly request that they at once start the ball to rolling; also instruct their congregations to keep it on the move.

Our aim will be to have a church building by fall, but all will depend upon the prompt co-operation of the brotherhood.

Don't confine yourself to church members alone; you have other friends who will participate.

Who is it in the brotherhood that would say, "I will not give 25 cents to help build a church in Washington, City." God forbid that any should say this.

The maximum number of the vine will be small, probably 10.

We hope that all who become a recipient of an appellation from one of these branches will proceed to study the philosophy and especial characteristic of this missionary vine; then act at once and God will bless you for working in his vineyard. Please don't delay.

"The Lord loveth a cheerful giver."

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In the Field

Starting from home on the 25ult., I attended the Bible meeting at North Manchester, Ind., which I enjoyed very much, tho my health was so that I could not take the part I wished. The very busy season of the year prevented the attendance that might have been expected under other circumstances, but altogether the meetings were enjoyable.

On the 28th ult., I met the brethren at